

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) BEFORE SENATE JUDICIARY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON S. 1642, MARCH 11, 1958.

Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate the opportunity of appearing before you this morning with reference to S. 1642, a bill for the relief of Mr. Claude E. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford is at present the Fire Chief of the Charleston Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina.

Although I have only known him personally for one year, I have received many letters attesting to his character and ability. He is married and has three children, two of whom are now attending college.

Since June 9, 1942, Mr. Crawford and his family have resided in public quarters on Base, while being assigned to the Special Duty Service which requires him to be available for duty on a 24 hour basis.

To 1 May 1943 Mr. Crawford was an ungraded employee and received free rent and utilities because of this special status. Since 1 May 1943, he has occupied a Classification Act position, has continued in the special status, but has received neither his rent and utilities, nor a salary adjustment. It is this that S. 1642 attempts to remedy.

Mr. Crawford's residence on Base has been required as a condition of employment since 1 May 1943.

I urge the Committee to give its most careful consideration to the testimony and evidence of Mr. Crawford; and wish to thank the Committee again for extending to me this opportunity to introduce him.